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TRIBUTE TO REVEREND FATHER
ARMANDO BALADO

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 1999

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, I would like to pay tribute today to an outstanding citizen and great man of God, the Reverend Father Armando Balado who will celebrate his golden 50th anniversary in the order of priesthood on March 24.

Born in Havana, Cuba, Fr. Balado entered seminary at the young age of eighteen and was ordained by Cardinal Manuel Arteaga Betancourt and performed pastoral responsibilities in a number of Cuban towns for the next 12 years. Fr. Balado was one of thousands of Cubans tormented and persecuted by Fidel Castro and his imposed communist regime. By 1961, he and 100 Brothers of the Order of La Salle became some of the thousands of religious leaders who were forcibly driven to leave Cuba due to their faith.

The U.S. granted Fr. Balado the opportunity of continuing his holy calling to the order of priesthood as he performed duties in Catholic churches of Los Angeles, Puerto Rico and Miami. Fr. Balado soon pastored a variety of churches throughout the state of Florida and assisted in the building of a parochial school in Miami. He remains in Miami as the appointed Pastor of St. Raymond of Penafort where he has served for 11 years and where he is loved and respected by parishioners and the South Florida community.

TRIBUTE TO "GRANNY D"

HON. GEORGE E. BROWN, JR.

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 1999

Mr. BROWN of California. Mr. Speaker, last month, I had the distinct pleasure of meeting in my congressional district with Doris Hadlock, known nationally now as Granny D, and a former Member of this body and current Secretary of State in West Virginia, Ken Hechler.

Granny D, an 89-year-old youngster from New Hampshire, began a cross-country journey in Los Angeles in January. She is walking across America to bring attention to the need for meaningful campaign finance reform. On January 12, 1999, she visited me in my district office in Colton, California.

Granny D is spritely and passionately opinionated on the issue of campaign finance reform. So spritely and so passionate, in fact, that she will walk 3,055 miles this year through 210 cities and towns from Pasadena to Washington, DC. I hope that many of my colleagues will have the pleasure of meeting her and listening to her message as she walks through their congressional districts.

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Public interest in and support for her cause is swelling. As we stood outside my office in Colton, passersby recognized Granny D and rushed forward to speak with her. In the homes where she stays on her trek, enthusiastic neighbors and community groups gather to hear her message.

Granny D's effort is non-partisan and inclusive. She wants more ordinary citizens to become aware of campaign financing and remedies for soft money intrusions into electoral politics. She supports the Shays-Meehan bill, which I co-sponsored.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in saluting this remarkable woman and in agreeing to at last seriously take up the issue of campaign finance reform in this Congress.

COMMEMORATING THE
HONORABLE ROBERT K. PUGLIA

HON. JOHN T. DOOLITTLE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 1999

Mr. DOOLITTLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding public servant, Justice Robert K. Puglia. Robert K. Puglia, Presiding Justice of the Court of Appeal in the Third Appellate District of California, has brought credit and distinction to himself through his illustrious record of public service, and it is appropriate at this time to commemorate the valuable leadership and dedicated service he has provided to his community and the people of the State of California.

Robert Puglia was born in 1929 in Westerville, OH. He completed his undergraduate work at Ohio State University in 1952. After serving 3 years in the U.S. Army as an infantryman, Bob Puglia enrolled in law school at the University of California at Berkeley and earned his law degree in 1958.

Bob became a member of the California State Bar in 1959, upon passing the bar exam, and began working as a Deputy Attorney General for the State of California. Later that same year he became Deputy District Attorney for the County of Sacramento. While serving in the Sacramento District Attorney's office until 1969, including over 5 years as Chief Deputy, Bob found time to teach law at McGeorge School of Law and government at California State University.

Bob then joined the private law firm of McDonough, Holland & Allen in Sacramento until Governor Ronald Reagan tapped him in 1971 to be judge of the Superior Court, Sacramento County. In 1971, Governor Reagan appointed Justice Puglia to the California Court of Appeal in the Third Appellate District. Later that same year, he was elevated from Associate Justice to Presiding Justice. He has served there ever since.

In recognition of his skills as attorney and judge, and for his service to his community, state, and to the legal profession, Justice Robert Puglia has received honorary doctorates in law from Lincoln Law School and the McGeorge School of Law. Justice Puglia was also active in numerous state and local bar activities, including service on several committees on the California Judges Association as

well as serving as its president, and as a member of the California Judicial Council. In 1984 he was President of the American Bar Association.

Outside of his long and distinguished career, Robert Puglia is husband to Ingrid, and father to four children, Susan, Peter, David, and Thomas.

I take great pleasure in commending the Honorable Robert Puglia for his outstanding record of judicial leadership, his long and distinguished record of public service, and his outstanding display of civic leadership. He is indeed a man worth emulating and one who exemplifies the standards those in his chosen profession seek to uphold.

TRIBUTE TO RUBY "ALICE" FINN

HON. DUNCAN HUNTER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, February 11, 1999

Mr. HUNTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding life of a friend from my district, Mrs. Ruby "Alice" Finn of Campo, California. Alice recently passed away and I would like to take a moment to commend the dedication she had for her family and country.

Alice married John W. Finn in 1933 while he was serving in the U.S. Navy. They were stationed all over the country and world, including San Diego, Alaska, Hawaii, Panama, Japan and China. On December 7, 1941, John was a Chief Aviation Ordnanceman at Kaneohe Bay on the windward side of Oahu, when the Japanese military attacked on their way to Pearl Harbor. During this attack, John was seriously wounded but refused medical treatment and would not leave his position until ordered to do so, earning him the prestigious Congressional Medal of Honor. With Alice by his side, John was given this honor by Admiral Chester Nimitz aboard the U.S.S. *Enterprise*, making her the first woman ever allowed aboard a "U.S. Man of War" during a wartime situation and in a war zone. Alice stayed with John during the remainder of his tour of duty in Hawaii working as a military mail-censor.

Alice and John came to the beautiful backcountry of San Diego in 1958. On their ranch, they raised one son and took the time to help those in need by serving as foster parents to several of the local Native-American Indian children who were alone. When Alice passed away this last December, she was laid to rest in this area amongst the surroundings she helped make beautiful and near the people she loved.

Mr. Speaker, in a time where indifference is often chosen over concern, Alice exemplified the meaning of caring for those around you. Whether it be standing beside her husband during time of war or reaching out to those in need, Alice was a person who put others before herself. Thank you Alice for giving us an example of the type of person we all should strive to be.